CITY OF SPRINGFIELD INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

ATTENTION OF MEMO TO FILE	DATE	SEPTEMBER 2,	1976
DEPARTMENT			

Re: Goo Spill at Fort & Grand 30 September 1976

The Springfield Police Department contacted this office at approximately 12:45 P.M. concerning an alleged "oil" spill at the corner of Fort & Grand. I responded to the call & found Officer Gerald Dove at the scene. The spill consisted of a 55-gallon drum that had apparently fallen from a truck and had burst at the bottom seam and around the lid. I immediately radioed for sawdust and a truck to retrieve the barrel. A check of the barrel revealed that the barrel was the property of Queen City Roofing, 1630 W. Walnut, Springfield. This firm was contacted & replied that they would send someone to clean up the mess. The call for a city truck to pick up the barrel was rescinded; however, the sawdust was still required. After a considerable period of time, Dale Linhart of Queen City Roofing arrived and said he would return with another man to clean up. At approximately 2:45 P.M., I was relieved by Gene Pabst and Steve Short. Prior to this time, sawdust had been spread on the material. The material was later identified as roofing cement, used to attach insulation. Queen City Roofing personnel arrived at approximately 2:50 P.M. They partially emptied the barrel into another barrel and loaded the broken barrel onto a truck. They then scooped up all the cement they could and spread dirt on the remaining material. A later check of the site revealed a satisfactory clean-up.

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SIGNED.

T. Witherspoon, Water Pollution

Control Inspector II, S. & E.

1000 S. FORT

Truck drops barrel of goo at intersection

A Springfield intersection received an unscheduled coating of blacktop Monday — but it turned out to be roofing

cement, not paving.

Officer Gerald Dove said he was driving at Fort and Grand when he found a 55 gallon drum which had broken open after falling from a truck. Its contents spilled as it rolled to the curb near a bus stop, but apparently none of the goo reached the storm drain system, Dove said.

However, inspection was made by a pollution control official called to the scene, John T. Witherspoon, according to the officer. He said an employe of a roofing firm also was called after it was determined the cement apparently came from one of the firm's vehicles.

The barrel was retrieved, as much of the cement as possible was cleaned up and sawdust from the city service center was poured on the remainder to prevent traffic problems, police said.

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MR ARNOLD DOUCETTE 1419 S FORT SPRINGFIELD MO 65807

RE: 1419 S. Fort

Dear Mr. Doucette:

Personnel from this office dyed the building sewer line at the above address to determine whether it was connected to the City sewer system. After placing dye in the private sewer line and flushing with an adequate amount of water and waiting a sufficient amount of time, it appears that the private line is connected to the City's sanitary sewer system.

If we may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to call 864-1923.

Yours truly,

Gene Pabst

Water Pollution Control Inspector

Surveillance & Enforcement

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SEE ATTACHED MAP

1419 S FORT

